

Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585 December 16, 2002

Ms. Lynn Scarlett Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget U.S. Department of the Interior Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ms. Lynn Scarlett:

The purpose of this letter is to request your review and comment on draft policy and guidance related to the Department of Energy's environmental cleanup efforts.

The Department of Energy has initiated a project: *Cleanup Program Driven by Risk-Based End States Project*, that we believe will be pivotal in both accelerating our cleanup efforts and achieving end states that are protective of human health and the environment. Enclosed for your review and comment are the Department of Energy's draft corporate policy and site-based guidance documents. We would appreciate your comments by January 31, 2003.

I look forward to working with you in the coming months as we move forward on this initiative. If you have any questions regarding this risk-based end state project, please contact me or contact Mr. David Geiser at (202) 586-9280 or david.geiser@em.doe.gov.

Sincerely,

Assistant Secretary for

Environmental Management

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